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# Charging up our hockey rinks

Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks to guests and media at AgriPlace Ice Sports in Saskatoon. The feds committed $10 million to have automated external defibrillators installed in recreational hockey arenas across the country.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

**Feds commit $10M for defibrillators.** Heart and Stroke Foundation says the devices increase chances of surviving cardiac arrest

MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

A device that saved the life of a Saskatoon man roughly 16 months ago after he went into cardiac arrest while playing hockey will now be in every community rink across the country.

The device, an automated external defibrillator (AED), was used on Robin Biggs after CPR failed to revive the then-58-year-old man in 2011.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the federal government would follow through on a 2011 campaign commitment to contribute $10 million to have AEDs installed in rinks across Canada.

Harper, who was in Saskatoon on Thursday, said the device has proven its worth, adding the rollout of the AEDs — expected for this spring — will make hockey rinks in Canada a safer place.

"These community hockey rinks are more than just buildings with one or two sheets of ice — and of course the cold bleachers — they're also the heart and soul of communities across the country," said the prime minister.

"Just as our community rinks see moments of triumph and loss on the scoreboard, they are also witness to medical emergencies, occasionally with tragic results."

He continued, "Our government is making a significant investment across Canada to ensure that every single recreational hockey rink will be equipped with one of these life-saving devices."

Harper said the $10 million would also go toward training people to operate the devices, 1,500 of which will be put into hockey rinks that aren't already equipped.

Doug Clement, chair of Canada's Heart and Stroke Foundation, said these devices make the odds of surviving cardiac arrest much higher.

"Up to 40,000 cardiac arrests occur in Canada every year — that's about one every 12 minutes.... If these emergencies all took place in the hospital, in medical clinics, there wouldn't be much to be concerned about, but the facts are they don't," said Clement. "They occur at home and they occur in public places.

"This advancement confirmed today will ensure more public spaces, coast-to-coast, are equipped with these life-saving devices."

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Employment insurance

## Public servants' union demand: Stop house calls for EI recipients

The union representing federal employees is asking the government to stop sending its workers for unannounced visits at the home of employment insurance recipients.

The union says it fears for the safety of its employees, given the level of public anger over changes to the EI system that could affect seasonal workers.

"We're putting employees in situations that are very dangerous," Larry Rousseau, a spokesman for the Public Service Alliance of Canada, said Thursday.

He spoke following a report by The Canadian Press that public servants have been making unannounced visits since January, as part of an examination being conducted while the EI program is overhauled.

During those visits federal employees have been hand-delivering questionnaires and requests for people to appear at their regular EI interviews.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended the house calls when asked about them Thursday.

"Every year, unfortunately, in our employment insurance system hundreds of millions of dollars are identified or are lost through false, or fraudulent, or inappropriate claims," Harper said while in Saskatoon for an unrelated announcement.

"One of the jobs of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada is to ensure that the funds in the employment insurance system are there for people who have lost their jobs, who qualify and who need that help."

About 1,200 EI beneficiaries will be receiving the visits through the end of next month. A group of 50 federal civil servants have been assigned to make the house calls.

"We've been hearing from (civil servants) who have gone to houses ... and they've been badly received," Rousseau said.

"What will it take, an untoward or unfortunate incident (for these visits to stop)? Why do we have to test the limits of people's patience like this?"

From now on, people who frequently claim EI are expected to accept any job for which they're qualified, within 100 kilometres of home, as long as the pay is 70 per cent of their previous salary.

They must also prove they're actively seeking work.

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Dorothy Myo, president of the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, speaks at the First Nations University on Thursday. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

# Mother Language Day resonates

**Future of First Nations Education Conference.** Keeping mother tongue alive seen as top priority

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UNESCO's International Mother Language Day struck a chord with attendees of a Future of First Nations Education Conference at the First Nations University on Thursday.

It was the final day of a three-day conference about how to improve First Nations education and the topic of language dominated the conversation for many of the speakers.

"It is about affirming our obligation to make sure that tomorrow's generations have the proper tools and to be able to learn the struggles from our past generations," said Simon Bird, vice-chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

UNESCO first established International Mother Language Day in 1999. It is an annual event to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity.

There are eight First Nations languages in Saskatchewan, but knowledge of these languages is shrinking across the province. "They have become fairly influenced by the environment that they live in," said Dorothy Myo, president of the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre.

"When we move into cities the (First Nation) language instruction isn't there and when you don't have it in school and it isn't in the home, you are going to lose it," said Myo.

In fact, many of the speakers at the conference went so far as to say the fate of First Nations languages is closely tied to the success of First Nations youths.

"For students and young people (knowing their mother tongue) really gives them a foundation and understanding of their identity," said Myo.

**Quoted**

**"With stronger identities and healthy well-beings you are more likely to succeed in whatever you do."**

**Dorothy Myo, president of the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre**
on the importance of young people knowing their mother tongue and identity.

East side

## 2 men charged after possibly stolen truck involved in fatal Regina crash

A 68-year-old Regina man is dead after a multi-vehicle crash in the city that may have involved a stolen truck.

Police have identified the victim as John Albert Boxall, who was driving a pickup truck that collided with another truck at an east-side intersection early Wednesday afternoon.

Two other vehicles that were stopped for a red light were also involved in the crash.

Two people in the other vehicles were treated at the scene, while two suspects who allegedly fled from the area were arrested soon after.

Jordan Thomas Lee McNabb, a 21-year-old resident of Debden, Sask., is facing charges that include impaired driving causing death, criminal negligence causing death and auto theft.

Quinton Shamus Mantee, a 19-year-old Regina resident, is charged with breach of probation and possession of stolen property.

Police have identified the victim of a fatal crash Wednesday morning. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

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# SFW ANNOUNCES 2013 DESIGNERS

Alyssa McDonald/Metro

Western Canada's trend watchers ready to flock to Sask. runways to see budding designers show their stuff

Saskatchewan Fashion Week (SFW) has chosen the 28 designers from across Western Canada who will show off pieces in the 2013 runway event.

SFW director Candyce Fiessel says although they have many designers coming again from last year, the success of last year's sold-out event, as well as networking at Toronto Fashion Week, has attracted many new designers.

"Some of the new designers were connected last year in attending, but now that they have seen the production and how the event was put on last year, we are excited to see them on the runway this year," said Fiessel, who co-directs the event with Chris Pritchard and Chelsea O'Connell.

Fiessel says they chose a range of designer styles and want to have a "different fashion perspective in each of the evenings."

SFW invites eight emerging and established designers to show each night for fashion week, but it's more than just a runway show. They have fashion and beauty vendors on the catwalk and a swag lounge where designs can be purchased right after being seen on the runway, as well as an opportunity to speak with the designers.

"Fashion is different in everyone's eyes, so when you come there, it's such a neutral place to express yourself and also see how designers see fashion.... It's such an exciting way to experience fashion," said Fiessel.

She says the event is a great way for budding designers to get their first taste of runway action and be mentored by experienced designers and hair and makeup technicians.

"(It's) great as a first-year experience since it's on a much smaller scale.... To go into Toronto Fashion Week or even going into start-up competitions without any runway experience would be quite nerve-racking for a designer," said Fiessel.

SFW will take place from May 9 to 11, with runway shows in City Square Plaza. Weekend passes go on sale on Friday and are available at saskfashionweek.com or from Cornwall Centre's guest-services kiosk. Day passes will be available starting March 15.

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# This year's flu shot was not much help to seniors: Data

This year's flu vaccine provided little protection to people 65 and older who got a shot, new data released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control reveal.

The study estimates how well the vaccine did at preventing people from becoming sick enough to need to see a doctor — preventing "medically attended flu" in influenza science parlance. And the data suggest this year the vaccine didn't perform very well for older adults.

It found that a flu shot cut an older adult's risk of contracting a case of influenza A H3N2 that needed medical care by only nine per cent.

When the scientists calculated the overall effectiveness — the vaccine's ability to prevent medically attended flu caused by both flu A and B viruses — the estimate was 27 per cent for older adults.

The findings are disappointing given the H3N2 component in this year's vaccine is well matched to the viruses circulating. Paradoxically, the B component of the vaccine isn't as closely matched to circulating viruses, yet it is performing better, according to the study.

Dr. Joe Bresee, a flu expert with the CDC, said older adults need to know that if they got a flu shot and they develop flu-like illness, they may have influenza and should see a doctor to determine if they should take antiviral drugs.

"We wanted to make sure that people knew that — especially if you're elderly to know that — because we still want to communicate the fact that if you do get sick, get anti-virals. And don't assume just because you got the vaccine, that that flu-like illness you've got can't be flu," said Bresee, who heads the CDC flu division's epidemiology team. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Carlos Maisonet, 73, reacts as a doctor injects him with flu vaccine during a visit to a Brooklyn Hospital in New York. BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Massimo Lecas, co-owner of Buonanotte restaurant, poses for a photograph with a menu at the restaurant in Montreal, Wednesday. The Office Québécois de la langue française had warned him there's too much Italian on the menu of his Italian restaurant. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Scusi! We were too tough on Italian menu: Quebec gov't

**French-language laws.** Quebecers joked about how they would never relinquish their right to eat pasta after spat

The Quebec government says its language watchdog was a little too aggressive in chasing after an Italian restaurant for excessive use of Italian on its menu.

The provincial minister responsible for language says she realizes the agency went too hard after the Montreal restaurant Buonanotte.

"I recognized that there was an excess of zeal," Diane De Courcy told reporters Thursday in Quebec City.

Speaking more generally, she said similar mistakes wouldn't be made in the future. She said the Office Québécois de la langue française (OQLF) would be more careful to use a loophole in the application of the language law that offers some leeway for foreign cultural and food products.

**Incident draws ridicule**

**"I don't think the future of French will be determined by Italian menus, or Japanese sushi."**

**Former politician Mario Dumont,** criticizing the OQLF for its mistake.

"Not that there's ever a 100 per cent guarantee — these are human beings doing these inspections," De Courcy said.

It's an abrupt reversal of roles for the Parti Québécois government — which has spent years, since its days in opposition, urging the office to apply the law more strictly.

The organization has even received a six per cent budget increase this year, to $24.7 million. The agency recently visited the Montreal eatery after receiving a citizen's complaint, and it agreed that certain words on the menu needed to be switched to French.

Among them: "pasta," "calamari" and "bottiglia" (which means "bottle" in Italian). They did leave the word "pizza" alone.

The incident also encouraged other business owners to go public with their disputes with the OQLF. One included a British-style fish and chips restaurant that said it was being forced to lose the "fish and chips." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Not quite an emergency**

## Kid calls cops 'cause he doesn't wanna go to bed

Police in the U.S. say a 10-year-old boy called them because he didn't want to go to bed. The Massachusetts boy called Wednesday night and told the dispatcher he was reporting his mother because he did not want to go to sleep, police say. There was no emergency.

The Enterprise newspaper reports that an officer went to the boy's home and explained to him when it was appropriate to call. No charges were issued. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Dot your Z's and stroke your L's. Polish language too complex for keyboards

Polish language experts launched a campaign Thursday to preserve the challenging system of its diacritical marks, saying the tails, dots and strokes are becoming obsolete under the pressure of IT and speed.

The drive, initiated by the state-run Council of the Polish Language, is part of the UNESCO International Mother Language Day. The campaign's Polish name is complicated for a non-Polish keyboard: "Je,zyk polski jest a,-e,."

That's a pun meaning that the Polish language needs its tails and is top class. Part of the meaning is lost and the pronunciation sounds wrong if the marks aren't there.

Computer and phone keyboards require users to punch additional keys for Polish alphabet. To save time, Poles skip the nuances. As part of the new campaign, radio and TV stations are playing songs with words stripped of diacritical pronunciation, making them sound odd to the Polish ear. A rap song concludes: "Press the right Alt sometimes" to obtain Polish letters, referring to one of the keyboard buttons that Poles need to press to write characters with diacritical marks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## India. Police search for men accused of raping and killing three sisters

Indian police said Thursday they have launched a manhunt for men suspected of raping and killing three sisters, aged five to 11, in the latest case of sexual violence to grip the country.

The sisters' bodies were found in a village well in Maharashtra state on Feb. 14 after they had gone missing from school, police officer Javed Ahmed said. The area is more than 1,000 kilometres south of New Delhi, the capital.

As the victims' mother accused police of a shoddy investigation, enraged villagers forced shops to close, burned tires and blocked a national highway passing through the area for several hours on Wednesday, demanding justice.

One police officer has been suspended for not acting promptly, said Indian Heavy Industries Minister Praful Patel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**New law**

A new law enacted by the Indian government has increased the sentences for rape from seven to 10 years to a maximum of 20 years. It also provides for the death penalty in extreme cases of rape that result in death or leave the victim in a coma.

**Germany**

## Catholic hospitals can prescribe pill to rape victims

Roman Catholic-run hospitals can prescribe limited emergency contraception to rape victims, German bishops said Thursday as they sought to contain fallout from an embarrassing recent case in which two hospitals refused to treat a woman.

The German church was under pressure to clarify its stance after two Catholic hospitals in Cologne turned away a rape victim because of concerns over the pill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# New detective takes over Pistorius murder case

**Sensational twist.** Prosecutors say timing of murder charges against detective leading investigation 'totally weird'

Ahead of a judge's decision on whether to release Oscar Pistorius on bail, South African police on Thursday appointed a new chief detective in the murder case, replacing a veteran policeman who is himself charged with attempted murder.

The sensational twist in the state's troubled investigation fuelled growing public fascination with the case against the double-amputee Olympian, who is charged with premeditated murder in the shooting death of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, in the early hours of Valentine's Day.

Much of the drama Thursday, however, happened outside the courtroom as South African police scrambled to get their investigation on track.

The decision to put police Lt. Gen. Vinesh Moonoo in charge came soon after word emerged that the initial chief investigator, Hilton Botha, is facing attempted murder charges, and a day after he offered testimony damaging to the prosecution.

Police say they found out about it after Botha testified in Pistorius's bail hearing Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Discrepancies**

- Botha acknowledged Wednesday in court that nothing in Pistorius's version of the fatal shooting of Steenkamp contradicted what police had discovered, even though there have been some discrepancies.
- Botha also said that police had left a 9 mm slug in the toilet and had lost track of allegedly illegal ammunition found in Pistorius's home.

Former investigating officer Hilton Botha sits inside the witness box during the bail hearing for Oscar Pistorius at the magistrate court in Pretoria, South Africa, Thursday. Botha, accused of attempted murder, has been replaced as lead detective in the Pistorius case. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Ashley Smith was emaciated, hurt, dirty in prison: Mother

**Last look alive.** Inquest hears of teen's ragged condition months before her death in jail

The mother of a teenager who killed herself in her prison cell recalled how years of segregation appeared to diminish her daughter.

In a harrowing account of the last time she saw her daughter alive, Coralee Smith described her shock at Ashley's appearance during a visit in the summer of 2007.

"Oh Mom, my skin is all loose," Ashley told Smith through the Plexiglas screen that separated them.

"She was not a 19-year-old girl at that point; she was aged," an emotional Smith told an inquest jury. "She was a lot smaller."

Four guards at the Nova Institution for Women in Truro, N.S., had brought Ashley into the interview room, her mom recounted.

She was in handcuffs, shackles and dressed in a security gown aimed at preventing suicides. Her hair looked dirty.

Ashley had an injured eye — apparently caused by choking herself.

"When you come home, we'll take you to an optometrist," Smith told her daughter.

Smith, 65, of Moncton, N.B., who travelled far to visit her daughter, said she never knew about Ashley's self-harming behaviour or lengthy segregation stints.

Asked what they talked about, Smith said, "Coming home."

At the end of the visit, Smith put her hand to the screen, but Ashley appeared reluctant.

"I watched them take her down the hall," Smith said. "It was the last time I saw Ashley alive."

A few months later, after yet another prison transfer, Ashley choked herself to death at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont. Guards were ordered not to intervene.

After learning of her child's death, Smith called Eric Broadbent, a correctional manager.

Broadbent, who once promised Smith he would look after Ashley, was among managers who berated guards for going into her cell to remove ligatures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ashley Smith in an undated photo. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Edmonton. Murder added to parents' charges after alleged abuse of twin girls

An Edmonton couple charged with starving and abusing their young twins are facing murder charges.

Paramedics were called last May to a home where they found the two-year-old girls suffering from injuries and severe malnourishment.

One of the girls, known in court documents as M, spent the next three months in a coma virtually brain dead.

She died shortly after the Supreme Court of Canada refused to interfere with an earlier court ruling allowing doctors to remove her from a ventilator.

Her sister and an older brother were placed in foster care.

The parents are to appear in court Friday on the new charges: second-degree murder and criminal negligence causing death.

They still face original charges of aggravated assault, criminal negligence causing bodily harm and failing to provide the necessities of life.

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## Las Vegas killing causes pileup, fire, more deaths

Police rope off the scene of a shooting and multi-car accident on the Las Vegas Strip early Thursday. Authorities say at least one person in a Range Rover shot at people in a Maserati that then crashed into a taxi. The cab burst into flames and the driver and passenger were killed. The male driver of the Maserati also died, and his passenger was shot. STEVE MARCUS, LAS VEGAS SUN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California

### Feds face test of gay-marriage talk

The Obama administration is considering urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn California's ban on gay marriage.

The administration faces heightened expectations from gay-rights supporters after President Barack Obama, who only last year came out with his support, has become far more vocal in his second term.

His administration has a week to file a brief outlining its opinion on the California ban, known as Proposition 8. While it is unlikely to sway the high court, the government's opinion does carry weight with the justices.

Opponents of the ban believe the president signalled his intentions when he declared in last month's inaugural address that homosexuals must be "treated like anyone else under the law."

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Winnipeg

### Former Scouts leader admits to sexual abuse

A former leader with Scouts Canada has pleaded guilty in Winnipeg to several sex charges involving minors.

Stuart Garrett Young, 40, has admitted to sexual assault, sexual exploitation, making child pornography and other offences.

His sentencing hearing is set for April 15.

Young was a longtime volunteer with Scouts Canada and helped run an outdoor program for kids 14 to 17 years old.

At the time of his arrest last summer, police alleged Young had abused one of his victims from 2009 to 2011.

Young was suspended from Scouts Canada as soon as the group became suspicious of him and notified police.

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# Protesters hope to send Morsi to the moon

Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi GETTY IMAGES FILE

An Egyptian opposition group has made a novel protest against President Mohammed Morsi by signing him up for a chance to win a trip to space.

The April 6 Youth Movement said on its Facebook page Thursday that it had entered the Islamist leader's name in the contest because it wanted to be rid of him. It called on supporters to vote for the president.

There was no immediate response from the president's press office to an email seeking comment.

"For sure, no one in the universe can put up with blatant lies, reneging on promises except for the brotherly people of the moon," the group wrote on its post.

"It is for this reason that the president needs your votes. President Morsi, we wish you safe travels."

April 6 was a driving force behind the 2011 uprising that toppled Hosni Mubarak's regime. Many of its supporters backed Morsi in the June 2012 election he narrowly won to become Egypt's first freely elected president.

But later, the group became among the fiercest critics of the president and his Muslim Brotherhood, the fundamentalist group from which he hails. The opposition accuses Morsi of monopolizing power and going back on campaign promises to have an inclusive government and introduce far-reaching reforms.

Morsi's supporters say the new government cannot immediately fix years of neglect and poor administration from Mubarak's 29-year rule.

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# Man says sorry for false 'starlight tour' tale

**Native-police relations.** He had accused officers of dumping him in remote location, but GPS and video proved the claim a lie

A young aboriginal man has apologized for falsely accusing two police officers of taking him on a so-called starlight tour.

Winnipeg police and native leaders hope the apology will help improve the sometimes-bitter relationship between officers on the beat and aboriginal residents in the inner city.

"I'm sorry for jeopardizing the reputation of the Winnipeg Police Service. I want to say sorry to the police officers for putting them in that situation," Evan Maud, 22, said Thursday. The public show of remorse was part of a restorative justice program that allowed Maud to avoid trial on a public-mischief charge.

"I'm also deeply sorry to their families, friends and colleagues for causing them to doubt, mistrust and question the two police officers."

On Dec. 3, 2010, Maud claimed that he had been walking down a street when he was stopped by two officers in a patrol car who accused him of being drunk. He said the officers drove him outside city limits, took his coat and left him alone in freezing weather.

The tale bore striking similarities to stories of starlight tours in other cities.

Starlight tour is the name used when suspected troublemakers are dropped off far from home rather than police following through with an official arrest.

Maud's story quickly unravelled. Video from Winnipeg Transit showed that he was on board a bus at the time. And the police cruiser's GPS showed the vehicle wasn't anywhere near city limits.

Maud did not say why he made up the story. His uncle, Joseph Maud, would not elaborate other than to say his nephew had been under the influence of alcohol. "It's between him and the Creator.... He acknowledged today that he is sorry." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Turning his life around**

**"I was able to ... graduate school. I'm now doing good things for myself."**

**Evan Maud,** who has trained to become a welder.

## Kent receives polar-bear award

**Aurora, a female polar bear, 12, walks in her enclosure at the Toronto Zoo on Thursday. Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent was at the zoo, where he was presented with the Champion of Polar Bears award from Polar Bears International.** CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**London, Ont.**

## Teens charged in store robbery with samurai sword

Police have laid a total of 14 charges against three suspected young offenders in a robbery that involved a samurai sword.

On Feb. 14 three masked men entered Twice the Deal Pizza at 99 Belmont Dr. and demanded cash. Police say one had a samurai sword and another a hunting knife. The thieves fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. Three boys aged 14, 15 and 17 face various charges. METRO IN LONDON, ONT.

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**Canada Innovates**

**Part 3**

The final part of Metro's series on Canadian innovation may include some failed ideas, but could we have a winner when it comes to today's design?

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Why are some cities more innovative than others? Find out from Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi at metronews.ca/videonaheednenshi

Self-made millionaire Arlene Dickinson was a struggling single mom of four when she turned Venture Communications into one of Canada's largest and most successful communications firms. CHRISTOPHER WAHL/CONTRIBUTED

# A DRAGON'S EYE VIEW

Entrepreneur and TV personality Arlene Dickinson weighs in on Canada's innovation inertia

ROBSON FLETCHER
Metro in Calgary

The 2008 recession put a damper on **innovation** in Canada, says Arlene Dickinson of Dragons' Den, and while things are now "turning a corner," she believes the country still has a long way to go.

"Other places have been innovating at a **rapid** speed, and we haven't been putting as much time and attention into it," Dickinson told Metro in a recent interview.

"My concern about the state of innovation is that it's lagging behind."

The problem, according to the high-profile investor and businesswoman, is not a lack of **entrepreneurial spirit** in Canada.

Quite the contrary, in fact.

"You think about Dragons' Den and the number of entrepreneurs in the country that are coming forward — I think we are being very entrepreneurial," Dickinson said.

"But that's kind of a new **phenomenon**. That's happened in the last three or four years as we come out of a bad economy, because that's what's going to drive a new economy."

The sticking point for many of these would-be innovators is going from **concept** to **commercialization**.

As an example, she pointed to the "3-D Sawhorse" — an innovative hardware product developed in the garage of 82-year-old Sam Koffski, which Dickinson snapped up on Season 6 of Dragons' Den.

**Falling behind**

**"Other places have been innovating at a rapid speed, and we haven't been putting much time and attention into it."**
Venture Communications CEO Arlene Dickinson

The elderly entrepreneur had a great idea on his hands, Dickinson said, but struggled finding the **effective** financing, patents, manufacturing and distribution.

With a little help, though, that soon changed, and the product could hit retail shelves by the spring.

"It's about to go into stores, hopefully, across the world," Dickinson said. "Sometimes what great **ideas** need is just somebody to open the doors and also to put the weight behind the idea to make it successful."

On a broader scale, Dickinson said Canada needs to change its **mentality** when it comes to innovation and make it a large part of the national discourse.

"We have to start talking about it more, making it part of the conversation of business in this country," she said. "If we don't, we're going to be in trouble. We're going to be left behind, absolutely."

# Canada's closet of colossal failures

With great ideas come great failures, and Canada has had plenty of failures. But that's really no surprise given Canadians' entrepreneurial spirit.

**Tom Villemaire** is the co-author of Colossal Canadian Failures, a short history of things that seemed like a good idea at the time and an ode to Canada's innovative spirit gone **haywire**. Metro spoke with him about why failure is an important step in the innovative process.

**In terms of innovation, where exactly did most of these ideas fail?**

A lot of these so-called failures were victims of timing — they were good ideas but out of synch with the times. Some were marketing failures — the consumers just weren't convinced of the **potential**. Others were situations where the inventor was the victim of backers who lost confidence too early or got greedy. And some were just weird. George Kavanaugh's idea to use carrots for rectal treatment (with a recess in the carrot for medication) was really an odd idea from the start. And the idea of a perpetual motion machine made from wood — which, as we all know, creates sparks when two pieces of it are rubbed together and which, as we all know, burns very easily — was just plain wrong.

**What was the best idea that went wrong? Why? And could it have worked if the situation was different?**

Well, there are a few contenders, but I think ultimately it has to be the Avro Arrow — a supersonic, all-weather jet fighter that did very well in test flights with pilots.

But like almost every other government project, the **costs** were significantly higher than had been initially estimated ($1.5 million to $400 million to $700 million). The Liberals were in power when the Arrow was built and had to defend the expense. When John Diefenbaker's Conservatives defeated the Liberals in 1957, it took them under two years to cancel the Arrow program.

**Were these mostly bad ideas or were they just developed wrong?**

Some were bad ideas from the start, but in a lot of other cases, the inventors — or their backers — just lacked the self-confidence or **resources** to follow something through. Two guys from Toronto had a working light bulb before Thomas Edison. They couldn't raise money to develop it so they sold the patent to Edison, who was working on something similar and just rolled their idea into the mix.

**Would you still call these inventors innovators, just because they were willing to try something new and different?**

Many of these people were innovators and were **brilliant**. Not all, however. Samuel Hughes was a Conservative minister in charge of getting Canada ready for the First World War. Among his other questionable decisions, he registered a patent in his secretary's name for a new and **improved** shovel and ordered the shovels for his troops. In fact, the soldiers needed shovels to dig the foxholes and trenches that would help protect them in battle. But Hughes' secretary suggested they could use the shovels as shields and put holes in them so the soldiers could shoot from behind them. A shovel with a hole in it just isn't the most effective shovel.

**Has Canada learned from these mistakes?**

I think Canada has learned a little, but there are still plenty of Canadians who head south to "make it big," and that is a **symptom** of a problem. And some might say Canada doesn't always have the confidence and **boldness** to support its inventors and innovators.

**Can future innovators learn from them?**

I think future innovators can draw **inspiration** from even the failures. Anyone who wants to try something new is daring to break new ground. That's a scary thing. Failure and doing something new are roommates; they're twins. You can't have one without the other. Even Alexander Graham Bell had failures — like the Cygnet II, a plane he designed with wings created from a wall of kites. At the time, there was nothing that had enough power to get the plane airborne in the first place. But he's not remembered for that; he's remembered for his **successes**.

**How do you see Canada in terms of innovative thinking these days?**

We have pretty **amazing** technology people in Canada. You look at the BlackBerry and the Canadarm and even the arms industry with the LAV3 or Stryker. **High-tech** means high pay and good jobs, so it's important to keep that kind of thing in the country.

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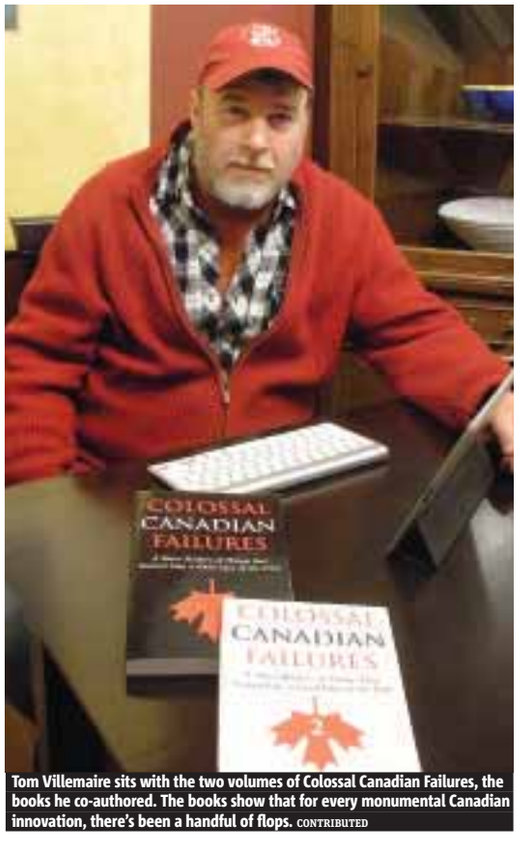
*For text of the full interview, visit metronews.ca/innovation*




Tom Villemaire sits with the two volumes of Colossal Canadian Failures, the books he co-authored. The books show that for every monumental Canadian innovation, there's been a handful of flops. CONTRIBUTED

# Light-sabre classes teach Star Wars fans to feel the force

**San Francisco.** Ever wanted to put 'Jedi' on your resumé? This workshop will give you the requisite moves

Jim Collum, foreground, and other students work on light-sabre skills during a Golden Gate Knights class in San Francisco on Feb. 10. A group of San Francisco Star Wars fans who want to travel to a galaxy not that far away have created a combat choreography class for Jedis-in-training. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A group of San Francisco Star Wars fans have created a combat choreography class for Jedis-in-training with their weapon of choice: The light sabre.

At a recent class, Alain Bloch, the self-proclaimed Jedi Master at Golden Gate Knights, demonstrated a slicing technique. He has a background in martial arts and stage combat.

"Always be mindful of the presence!" he said, donning a Luke Skywalker outfit and a green light sabre.

With Star Wars movie music coursing through the dance studio, his disciples clutch their neon-glowing light sabres. These self-proclaimed Star Wars geeks slice and parry as they follow Bloch's lead, and they get a little exercise, too.

People in a recent class, including a couple on a date, said they embraced their quirkiness and had even converted some of the skeptical into the Jedi order.

"At first they giggle because they think it's a little silly. Then they're like, 'Actually that's kind of cool,'" said Julio Reyes, a student. Not all Jedis-in-training are rooting for the good guys. Some came to embrace the dark side of the force.

"I just love Vader, period," said the Darth Vader-clad student Gary Ripper. "Just his voice, the way he moved, the power of him. I just liked the powerfulness of him."

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## Designed for social shopping

Not sure about a potential style purchase? This change room at the new Simons store in West Edmonton Mall is designed to help. It has a digital photo studio resembling a giant iPad, which allows consumers to take photos of their shopping experience and post the photos to social-media feeds to get instant feedback from friends. Figure3, a Toronto interior-design firm, won store of the year in Chain Store Age's 31st annual design competition for its work on the 115,000-square-foot Simons store. CONTRIBUTED

Toys

## Lego gets sales boost from girly product lineup

Lego's sales soared 25 per cent last year thanks in part to its new series of building blocks designed for girls. The company said that while Lego Star Wars and Lego Ninjago remained among the most popular series, it was a novel rollout for girls, Lego Friends, that sold better than expected. The line includes mini-figures in pink, a dream house with a pool and a beauty shop. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

**DOLLAR**
98.16¢ (-0.14¢)

**TSX**
12,639.97 (-74.08)

**OIL**
$92.84 US (-$2.38)

**GOLD**
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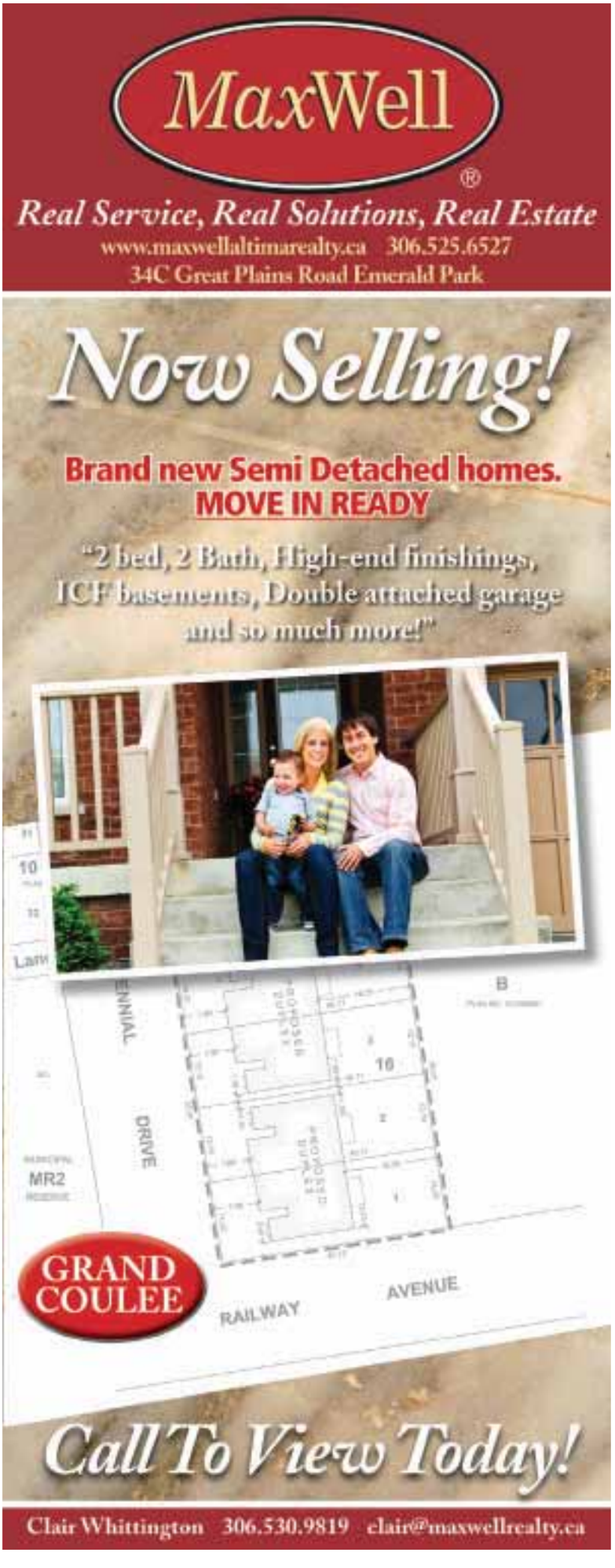
**Dow Jones:** 13,880.62 (-46.92)



# DUNK IT, SHAKE IT & ROLL THAT RIM

THE LIST
Neil Morton
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**1 Terrence Ross.** The Raptors rookie leapfrogged a ballboy before throwing down a one-handed dunk to cement his NBA All-Star dunk contest title. The best part of the win? He paid homage to Vince Carter by wearing his retro Raptors Jersey for one dunk, and the ballboy was the son of Twitter CEO Dick Costolo. Ross should have live-tweeted as he was dunking.

**2 Seth MacFarlane.** The stuffy, formal Oscars night is loosening up, with the no-holds-barred Seth (Family Guy) MacFarlane hosting the 85th Academy Awards this Sunday. The Academy Awards going edgier like the Golden Globes does is a good thing. Because at the end of the day, who really cares about the boring acceptance speeches?

**3 Harlem Shake.** The new Gangnam Style, this Internet dance phenomenon is based on an electronic dance track by DJ Baauer. Thousands of YouTube videos are being uploaded every day of people doing it, from sports teams to office workers. And unlike Gangnam, you don't have to be a great dancer. Which means I'll be all over this meme soon.

**4 Pancake Manor.** This Canadian YouTube music video series for kids by Billy Reid has garnered more than nine million views. Featuring puppets that educate with high energy music and humour, it's great for entertaining and tiring your preschoolers out — and giving parents a break. Go to pancakemanor.com to discover this brave new kids world.

**5 Danica Patrick.** In a historic sports achievement, Patrick became the first woman to win the pole position for the Daytona 500 — the Super Bowl of NASCAR. She beat the boys by posting a lap of 196.434 m.p.h., and starts alongside Jeff Gordon in the Feb. 24 race. Two words for Patrick: girl power!

**6 Roll Up The Rim.** Tim Hortons' latest Roll Up The Rim promotion has begun. It has become so well known that it now makes headlines each time it starts up. And it's upped the ante for this, their 27th annual event, by including 100 pre-paid MasterCards loaded with $5,000 each among the prizes. With my luck, I'll just settle for a double double.

**7 Roberto Luongo.** The Vancouver Canucks goalie may have the funniest, most self-deprecating Twitter account in sports @strombone1. He takes you inside the hockey world, poking fun at himself and others who take sport so seriously. A recent tweet said "Almost had him....." with a picture of Luongo giving up a goal he wasn't close to saving. LOL.

**8 Twitter Hacker Club.** A hamburglar hacked @burgerking's Twitter account Monday, changing the account to McDonald's profile pic. Then Tuesday, someone (reportedly the Whopper hacker) carhacked @jeep's account, saying it had been sold to Cadillac. This was quite a lesson in password security for both companies, but they did pick up plenty of new followers with the attention.

**9 The Junos.** The music machine that is Canadian pop star Carly Rae Jepsen picked up more award nominations this week, this time five to lead the pack for the 2013 Juno Awards, which take place in Regina on April 21. Heck, she got more than the boy who discovered her and launched her career with a tweet, the Biebs. The whole world has her number now.

**10 Big Brother Canada.** From a small-town elementary teacher in Nova Scotia to a T.O. socialite to a Calgary firefighter who likes to party, the first season of Big Brother Canada has all the makings of great Canadian reality TV — and evictions. The show debuts Feb. 27 on Slice. I know I'll be tuning in to check out the hijinks.

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Terrence Ross jumps over a ball kid for his winning dunk. ERIC GAY/POOL/GETTY IMAGES

# Putting their backs into it

ALEJANDRO CARTAGENA/KOPEIKIN GALLERY

**Mexican carpooling**

## Daily commute inspires art project

For most of us, riding on the back of a pickup truck would be a once-off trip, but for construction workers in Monterrey, Mexico, it's part of a daily commute. This bird's eye view of labourers is the theme of photographer Alejandro Cartagena's project Car Poolers, exhibited at Los Angeles' Kopeikin Gallery from Feb. 23 to April 6.

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**Q&A with photographer**

## *'Simple, honest, life'*

**How did this photo project come about?**
In the summer of 2011, I started going once or twice a week to the same spot — an overpass on Monterrey's Highway 85 going southbound to San Pedro Garza Garcia — to photograph these workers on their way to work. I would stay for two hours and get just a couple of images I liked; the speed of the trucks made it difficult to get clear shots. After a year, I've arrived with around 120 good images.

**How has the reaction to your photos been?**
Some people in Mexico have found them humorous, others provocative, but most are very intrigued at the choice of viewpoint to portray the issue...

**What issue is that?**
The social and economic kind. If these guys would go on the bus route, it would be too expensive for them, since there are no proper mass low-cost transportation systems. I hope one can reflect on how people's resilience helps them maintain hope of a better life in a country filled with social, political and violent issues.

**In three words, how would you describe your photos?**
Simple, honest, life.

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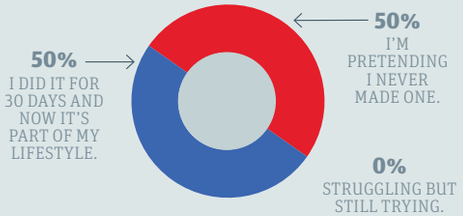


**Twitter**

**@derekIT:** Anybody looking to get rid of some Eric Church tickets for this Fridays show in Regina? #yqr #soldoutshow

**@SaskGregger:** Never thought I'd say this but kudo's to the #yqr school that shot down the #HarlemShake video. More HarlemShakes need to be quashed #stopit

**@patzombie:** Why are the skies over #YQR always hazy?And why are there so many fighter jets circling the city from 9-now?!something fishy is going on.

**@crankypete:** Confirmed; my 4G wireless performance is impacted by SaskTel's #lte launch in #yqr. Not sure if its on purpose but so fed up with this crap

**@softhewoods:** If I ever see another shot of tequila again in my life I will cry. Yes I am still tweeting the hangover

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Dwayne Johnson offers to hunt down a few criminals in exchange for less jail time for his son in Snitch. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

# The Rock cooks a stinker

**Snitch.** It's dealers vs. Dwayne Johnson in this movie, with a heavy handed look at America's War on Drugs policy

**Richard:** Mark, Snitch isn't a bad movie, but it is a miscast one. As charismatic as The Rock… er … Johnson is, his physicality gets in the way. The character is a determined regular Joe willing to go to any lengths to help his son. But how much more effective would it have been if he didn't resemble a cop who could crash the drug dealers he's working with between his muscular thumb and forefinger?

**Mark:** I wouldn't say it was miscast, but that it was too obviously cast. Your idea of casting against type, as an everyman rather than an action hero, is a tantalizing one. I'm imagining how much more interesting a movie it would be with, say, Ryan Gosling, or even Paul Giamatti. The real question, however, is: when Susan Sarandon and Barry Pepper are support characters in a Dwayne Johnson movie, is this one of the signs of the apocalypse?

**RC:** Ha! I thought Pepper was OK but you could almost see Sarandon reaching for the paycheque. She has seven movies coming out this year and seems to have wedged this one in as she ran from set to set. Perhaps the movie's message that the "War on Drugs" needs to find a new plan of attack appealed to her, but she's playing this one as a character straight out of Central Casting. What did you think of Jon Bernthal as the ex-con who gives The Rock a hand. Loved him on The Walking Dead and thought he was one of the best things about this movie, even if the conclusion to his story was far fetched.

**MB:** Well, he was the only one in the movie who brought an element of surprise to his scenes. As far as the story goes, I liked the premise, but I thought the storytelling was kind of sloppy and sometimes it felt like scenes were missing. The violence was restrained for this kind of movie, and I'm not sure if that's a good or a bad thing. And the villains barely registered. They were mostly nasty in theory.

**RC:** I found the lack of violence refreshing. Given the name, the star and the idea you might have expected this to be a shoot 'em up, and it isn't. It's a father and son story with a twist.

**MB:** Finally! A drug movie for the whole family!

**Synopsis**

Dwayne Johnson is John Matthews, owner of a construction company and estranged father to Jason (Rafi Gavron). Jason falls into a Kafka-esque legal loophole when his drug-dealing best friend implicates him as a trafficker in return for a break on jail time. Under America's strict "War on Drugs" laws Jason is facing a mandatory 10-year sentence unless he gives up the name of a co-conspirator, but because he's innocent he has no one to snitch on. John gets the action underway when he says to the U.S. Attorney (Susan Sarandon), "What if I do it for him? What if I help you make arrests?" Cue the cage match between The Rock and drug dealers.

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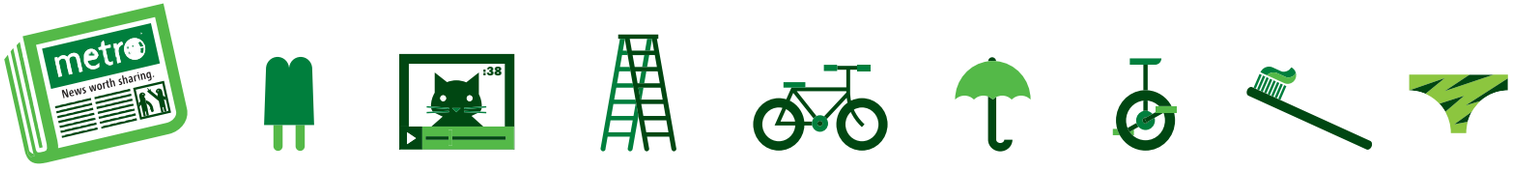

**Thriller**

## Dark Skies

**Director.** Scott Stewart

**Stars.** Keri Russell, Josh Hamilton

Freaky happenings abound in Dark Skies — a supernatural thriller about a young family that suddenly begins experiencing such disturbing events as unexplained nose bleeds and 800 birds inexplicably flying into their house. But the teeth really begin gnashing when the Barrett clan suspects the work of aliens. A loose ending may put off conventional moviegoers but filmmaker Scott Stewart crafts a pretty creepy story — even if it jumps a bit of logic.

**STEVE GOW**

# Ewan McGregor talks about being the number one super guy

**Jack the Giant Slayer.** Star takes on the role of a well-intentioned knight who needs a little help from his sidekick Jack

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Ewan McGregor gets his daring-do on for director Bryan Singer in Jack the Giant Slayer, playing a knight who's forthright and heroic — to a fault — as he and Jack (Nicholas Hoult) try to rescue a princess from the aforementioned giants. But McGregor's inspiration for the character may surprise you.

**You look fantastic in this movie. It seems like you haven't aged in the last 10 years. What gives?**
(Laughs) I don't have a secret to that, I'm afraid.

Ewan McGregor, right, loves the humour of his character in Jack the Giant Slayer. HANDOUT

**When you're presented with a forthright knight type of character, how do you approach that?**
I don't know, it's a pretty understandable character. It's a sort of classic role. It's not something new, really. I just played what was on the page, really. It's very well and clearly written in the script. And I liked the humour. I thought the humour that was in the writing was very good. I like the fact that he's sort of very gung-ho but very often doesn't quite get things right, and then Jack has to come along behind him and tidy things up. Sort of like a Hong Kong Phooey type style. That cartoon was one of my main sources of research, Hong Kong Phooey.

**The film very carefully walks that line of appealing to both kids and adults.**
I think that's right. It lies in exactly the right place for a film that's being made for a family to watch. Very often these days you take your kids to films and there's inappropriate language or sexual jokes that are very clearly aimed for the parents. You don't want your kids seeing that, or at least I don't. But this is absolutely something that you could take your family to see and you wouldn't find yourself in any awkward moments with your kids, you know? It's a classic sort of family movie.

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Side Effects (14A) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:45-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Silver Linings Playbook (14A) Fri 6:55-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-4:05-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:30
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri 8:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:45-8:15 Mon-Thu 7

### Galaxy Cinemas Normanview S.C.
### 420 McCarthy Blvd. N. Unit 26, 306-522-9098

Dark Skies (14A) Fri-Sun 12-2:35-5:05-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 7:35-10:05
Escape From Planet Earth 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
A Good Day to Die Hard (14A) No Passes Fri 12:20-1:45-2:55-4:20-5:30-7-7:55-9:30-10:25 No Passes Sat 11:20-12:20-1:45-2:55-4:20-5:30-7-7:55-9:30-10:25 No Passes Sun 12:20-1:45-2:55-4:20-5:30-7-7:55-9:30-10:25

Identity Thief. HANDOUT

No Passes Mon 7-7:50-9:30 No Passes Tue-Wed 7-7:50-9:30-10:15 No Passes Thu 7-7:50-9:30
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The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D (PG) Fri 3-6:30-10:05 Sat 11:25-3-6:30-10:05 Sun 12:45-4:30-8:15 Mon-Thu 8:15
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Jack the Giant Slayer 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
Safe Haven (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8:05-10:40 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
Scooby-Doo (G) Sat 11
Snitch (PG) Fri-Sat 12:15-2:50-5:25-8:10-10:45 Sun 12:15-2:50-5:25-8:10-10:40 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10
Warm Bodies (PG) Fri 2:15-4:55-7:25-9:50 Sat 11:50-2:15-4:55-7:25-9:50 Sun 2:15-4:55-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45

### Kramer IMAX Theatre
### 2903 Powerhouse Dr., 306-522-4629

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG) Fri 12:30-3:50 Sat-Sun 3-8:15
Sea Rex: Journey to a Prehistoric World 3D (STC) Sat 12:30-1:45-7
Paradise Cinema
1011 N. Devonshire Dr., 306-522-7888
Django Unchained (14A) Fri 7:15 Sat-Sun 1:10-7:15 Mon-Thu 7:15
Wreck-It Ralph (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7 Mon-Thu 7
Zero Dark Thirty (14A) Fri-Thu 9

### Golden Mile
### 3806 Albert St., 306-359-5250

Argo (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:45-6:30-9:30
Broken City (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-6:50-9:40
Gangster Squad (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:40-9:30
Hotel Transylvania (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:50-6:55
Jack Reacher (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25
Les Misérables (PG) Fri-Thu 2-7:15
Parental Guidance (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-7-9:50
Rise of the Guardians (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:55-6:45
Skyfall (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15
This Is 40 (14A) Fri-Wed 1:10-3:45-6:35-9:20 Thu 3:45-6:35-9:20 Thu 1
Regina Public Library Film Theatre
23 11 12th Ave., 306-777-6104
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Holy Motors (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9:30 Sun 7
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Wednesday Plus (STC) Wed 6:30

**Just a human story...**

**"It's really just a smart story about people trying to get by, which is what I always look for...**

**"I'm pretty sure I've never done a horror film kind of thing. It's not a genre that ever appealed to me but this has so many other elements to it and at the end of the day it's just a very human story about this family."**

Actor J.K. Simmons on his foray into horror films with his role in the new film Dark Skies
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# Rating the hosts

The choice of Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane may seem like yet another attempt by the older-skewing Oscars to appeal to the kids, but he actually has a surprising tendency toward Old Hollywood style. At parties thrown at his house, MacFarlane is even known to sing standards backed by a big band. While the jury's still out on MacFarlane's performance, we thought we'd see what he has to measure up to from the last few years' Awards.

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## 2009: Hugh Jackman

The Australian charmer — who happens to be a nominee for best actor this year — turned in the hosting performance to beat the year Slumdog Millionaire won. His opening song-and-dance number was the standout, but Broadway veteran Jackman proved he's an all-around talent.

## 2010: Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin

The likeable comic actors relied heavily on their own charm, but it wasn't enough to save the show. With stale jokes and awkward delivery, their performance felt too much like an ad for their equally disappointing 2009 film It's Complicated.

## 2011: James Franco and Anne Hathaway

As we remarked during this train wreck, "Apparently there is something James Franco can't do." This brazen attempt at pulling in younger viewers turned out to be a disaster, with current nominee Hathaway seemingly abandoned by Franco, who seemed to have — wisely — given up on the endeavor before it began.

## 2012: Billy Crystal

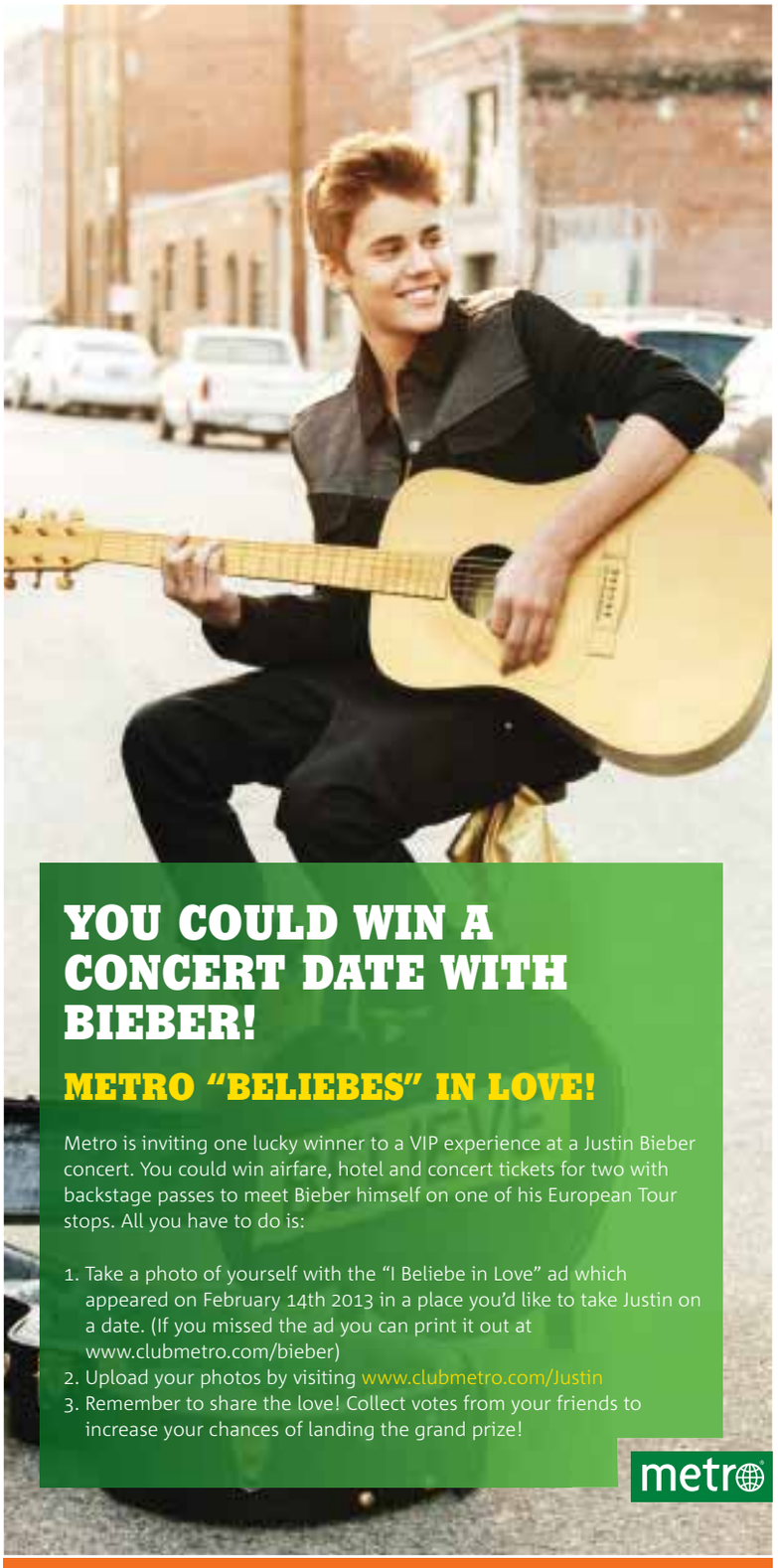
After the Franco/Hathaway disaster, the Academy went back to standby Crystal, who hosted his ninth Oscars. But the funnyman's schtick maybe went too old-fashioned, as his bits were generally panned as hokey and out of touch. Case in point: while many in that precious younger demographic might not necessarily know Crystal was dressing up as Sammy Davis Jr. in one bit, they do know what blackface is.

**Will you be watching?**

The 85th Academy Awards are on CTV Sunday and those with a stake in office pools will no doubt be glued to their sets. Hosted by Seth MacFarlane, the awards show kicks off at 8:30 p.m. ET. Both CTV and E! will have coverage of the stars walking the red carpet in their finery as they arrive at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood.

**Exclusively online**

- Metro's own Ned Ehrbar will chronicle the highs and lows of the Academy Awards on Sunday night. You can follow along at metronews.ca or on Twitter with **@nedrick**
- Follow Dorothy Robinson's red carpet fashion critiques **@dorothyatmetro**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# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Rihanna and Chris Brown

## They found love in a hopeless place?

So much for those breakup rumours. Rihanna is celebrating her 25th birthday this week by escaping to Hawaii with Chris Brown by her side. The birthday girl posted a photo to Instagram of her smiling self perched on Brown's lap in the back of a limo.

They were also spotted seaside in Honolulu, according to E! News. "Chris was leading Rihanna by the hand," a source says of their brief beach walk. "She was puffing on something as she walked and seemed very relaxed and happy. Her hair was blowing and she twirled around. She looked totally free and like she was really enjoying her birthday. Chris was protective and made sure to hold her hand as they walked."

**Quoted**

**"She looked totally free and like she was really enjoying her birthday."**

Rihanna was glowing, a source says

Denzel Washington

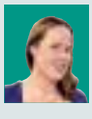
## Hollywood's lone wolf?

Denzel Washington is not one for Hollywood schmoozing. "Even within the industry, I don't have any actor friends. My friends are my old friends," the Oscar nominee tells the Guardian.

Sure, but why doesn't he make any new friends, considering how often he co-stars with new people in movies? "Because I don't make friends!" he insists. "Maybe I'm not a butt-kisser. Maybe I'm not a schmoozer. I'm not about to go to a party to try to get a job. I don't want movie star friends. And being African-American, there were no big movie stars to hang out with anyway, not when I was starting out. They were just the third guy from the back. For whatever reason, I never befriended any white actors." Washington's rep later clarified the report, saying Washington followed up that statement with a few exceptions, including Tom Hanks, Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts.

**The Word**

## *Diane Lane and Josh Brolin to divorce*



THE WORD
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After eight years of marriage, Diane Lane and Josh Brolin are over.

A representative for the couple released this curt announcement to Us Weekly: "Diane Lane and Josh Brolin have decided to end their marriage. It was a mutual decision. It is very amicable. It's not ugly, it's just over."

The couple have no children.

What was it, Diane? Was it when he was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery in 2004? Or the two public intoxication charges, one in 2008 and the latest on New Year's Day in Santa Monica? Did you just have enough of the Brolin drunk charm?

And if Brolin's rage issues were that bad when you were "happily married," what in the world will happen when he's drowning his sorrows over the split? If I were the owner of his nearby dive bar, I'd lock my doors.

**Quoted**

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A part of the announcement released by a representative for the couple

Shia LaBeouf ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## The LaBeouf rebuff

Shia LaBeouf has exited what would have been his Broadway debut — in a revival of Orphans alongside Alec Baldwin — less than a month before previews were to begin, but there's been plenty of drama since he quit.

LaBeouf, who is rather new to Twitter, decided to use the social-networking site to publish emails between himself, Baldwin, director Daniel Sullivan and co-star Tom Sturridge that all suggest some sort of squabble between LaBeouf and Baldwin that precipitated his exit. "I'm too old for disagreeable situations," Sullivan writes in an email to LaBeouf. "You're one hell of a great actor. Alec is who he is. You are who you are. You two are incompatible. I should have known it. This one will haunt me. You tried to warn me. You said you were a different breed. I didn't get it."

Matthew Broderick

## Lights! Camera! Stop the show!

Matthew Broderick put the brakes on a recent performance of his Broadway show, Nice Work if You Can Get It, when he spotted an audience member taking a video of the show, according to E! News. A rep for the production confirms that Broderick, upon noticing the filming, called a stop to the action and addressed the videographer in question, asking him politely if he would refrain from doing that.

**Twitter**

**@JuddApatow**
Beasts of the Southern Wild is the only movie I have felt the need to watch multiple times this year. That and Stories We Tell.

**@rosemcgowan**
My nurse is terrifying. I actually need a pain pill, but I'm too scared to ask. #andihatepills

**@johncusack**
Enough of these silly jousting games I play -I grow weary

**@bobsaget**
Watched Lincoln on the movie thing on the plane~ the flight was five minutes shorter than the film. Missed the ending. I'm rooting for him.

# Party bites worthy of an Academy Award

Canapes may sound stuffy, but they actually are the ultimate in ease when it comes to party food. Plus, they look great and can be combined in endless ways to suit any taste.

So here is simple formula for making canapes: divide them into four components — bases, spreads, toppings and garnishes. For each canape, all you do is select one item from each category, then assemble. And the easiest way to assemble enough for a party is to set out all of your ingredients (clustered by category), then just start selecting and building.

If you're planning on an Oscars viewing party, you might even consider turning the making of the canapes into a pre-party. Set out everything on the counter, pour some wine and invite a few guests to come early and help assemble (and sample, of course).

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Each spread recipe makes enough to top 24 canapes. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Bases

- 24 multigrain crackers
- 24 thin slices of seedless cucumber
- 24 toasted baguette slices
- 24 purchased phyllo cups (found in the grocer's freezer section)

## Spreads

**Zesty Barbecue**

- 3 tbsp barbecue sauce
- 2 tbsp red pepper jelly
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- Splash of hot sauce

**1.** In bowl, stir ingredients.

**Orange Sweet Potato**

- 1 sweet potato, microwaved until fork-tender
- 2 tbsp orange marmalade
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar
- Salt, black pepper

**1.** Peel potato and mash in bowl. Stir in marmalade and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper.

## Toppers

- Small cooked and peeled shrimp
- Shredded cooked chicken
- Halved cherry tomatoes
- Crab meat
- Small wedges of manchego cheese

## Garnishes

- Shaved Parmesan cheese
- Sliced green and black olives
- Sliced hot peppers (such as piri piri or Peppadew)
- Sliced scallions

To assemble the canapes, arrange the bases on a large serving tray. Top each with a small dollop of one of the spreads. Press one of the topping choices into the spread, then finish each with a garnish.

Liquid Assets

## *And the best drink goes to...*

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With the Oscar's awarded this Sunday, here are my picks for the right booze to match with each of the best picture nominees.

**Les Misérables**
Victor Hugo was French, loved Paris, and Paris loves the wines of Bordeaux. Go Right Bank, where merlot rules and the wines are softer and easier drinking.

**Zero Dark Thirty**
Osama bin Laden may have abstained, but his American hunters probably enjoyed a shot of Bourbon. Try a robust, single barrel version.

**Life of Pi**
I'd go with a sweeter white riesling from Germany. It likes pie.

**Django Unchained**
This spaghetti western, à la Tarantino, deserves a nice Italian red made with the sangiovese grape from Tuscany's Chianti region.

**Lincoln**
Daniel Day-Lewis is a Brit, and Lincoln had more than enough reasons to take a drink. Together they make a strong case for a full-bodied English (or U.S.) ale.

**Argo**
Though it's sour grapes for the Academy for leaving its helmsman off the best director list, I'm betting Ben Affleck will be drinking some bubbly, like Moët & Chandon's non-vintage Brut Imperial champagne ($60.75 to $65), when his flick wins best picture.

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Toronto Blue Jays catchers, from left, J.P. Arencibia, Josh Thole and Henry Blanco chat on Thursday before a drill during baseball spring training in Dunedin, Fla. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Arencibia OK not catching Dickey

**MLB.** Jays No. 1 catcher wants to catch knuckleballer but says it's not up to him

**Quoted**

**"Obviously you want to play every day, but you know you can't. And knowing that you can't, if that's the blow you get, that's the blow you get."**

**Blue Jays catcher J.P. Arencibia** on the likelihood that he won't be catching pitches from R.A. Dickey during the regular season.

Historically, not much importance should be given to playing time or statistics at spring training.

So while starting catcher J.P. Arencibia will be behind the plate for R.A. Dickey's first start in a Blue Jays uniform on Monday against the Red Sox, it's likely that by the time the regular season starts, Henry Blanco or Josh Thole will be his personal catcher.

This had the makings of the Jays' first true controversy of the spring, but Arencibia quickly tried to head it off.

"In this day and age, nobody catches 162 games," Arencibia said philosophically. "I'll be back there four out of five, regardless who it is. It's just more finding what works for the team."

But when the Jays traded for Dickey, Arencibia touched bases with the knuckleballing right-hander. He asked the defending NL Cy Young winner and fellow Nashville resident to play catch a couple of times per week so he could get used to the unpredictable dancing of Dickey's bread-and-butter pitch.

Arencibia has continued to work with him in bullpen sessions and they are both on Team USA at the upcoming WBC, though Joe Mauer is the No. 1 for the American team.

"I've shown that I can catch (the knuckler), I know I can catch it," Arencibia said. "For me, I want to play every game and I feel like I could play every one. But that's the nature of the game. That's not my decision."

Most durable starting catchers are behind the plate for about 130 games out of the 162 in the regular season. Thus, if Dickey makes his 34-36 starts and if another catcher is assigned to corral his knuckleball every five days, then Arencibia claims he is philosophical about the possibility.

There is a side issue here. The Jays have sold out opening night at the Rogers Centre on April 2 with Dickey pitching. And manager John Gibbons said on Wednesday that if the decision is to give Dickey a personal catcher, then that's the lineup they will go with.

"Opening day's special, obviously," Arencibia admitted. "You always want to be a part of opening day. Again, selfishly, you could be worried about it. If that's the best lineup for that day, that's the best lineup for that day."

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WHL

## Pats ready to battle Warriors

The Regina Pats (21-33-6) and the Moose Jaw Warriors (20-31-9) are tied for 10th in the Eastern Conference standings of the WHL going into their matchup on Friday, with the Warriors having one game in hand. The Pats are 3-6-1 in their last 10 games while the Warriors are 4-6-0 in their last 10.

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NHL

## Burke returns to Ducks as scout

Brian Burke joined the Anaheim Ducks as a part-time scout Thursday, a little over a month after he was fired as president and general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Burke returns to Anaheim where he was the Ducks' executive vice-president and GM from 2005-08. The Ducks captured their first Stanley Cup in 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brian Burke THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

## Jets score last in 3-goal frenzy

Blake Wheeler scored his second goal of the game with 4:54 remaining to lift the Winnipeg Jets to a 4-3 win over the Carolina Hurricanes on Thursday.

Wheeler's goal concluded a stretch where the teams scored three goals in a span of 1:03.

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# Jennifer Jones remains unbeaten at Scotties

Manitoba skip Jennifer Jones reacts after her winning shot against Team Ontario during draw 12 on Thursday at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The battle of unbeaten rinks at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts on Thursday delivered drama, back-and-forth scoring swings and plenty of excitement.

Manitoba's Jennifer Jones emerged triumphant after a stellar display of shotmaking gave her a 9-7 win, a guaranteed playoff berth and left Ontario's Rachel Homan with her first loss of the tournament.

Jones improved to 9-0 in the evening session with a 7-1 victory over Quebec's Allison Ross.

**4 will move on**

**The top four rinks in the 12-team field will qualify for the playoffs on the weekend.**

- Round-robin play continues through Friday.

Against Homan, Jones shot 93 per cent and always had an answer for her opponent.

Jones took the lead with a pair in the eighth against Homan end and added a steal of one in the ninth.

"I predicted that we were going to lose a couple of games — it's nationals and it's tough," Ottawa's Homan said.

Jones is focused on qualifying for the 1-2 Page playoff game and said she's not really concerned about maintaining a perfect record.

"We had one loss in our provincials and it kind of gave us a kick in the pants," Jones said. "Right now I feel like we're playing well and we don't need that kick in the pants. So hopefully that's true."

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Rules are meant to be broken, especially if they were made in someone else's favour. The bottom line is that your own needs come first. If that means going too far in some people's eyes, well, so be it.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
Not everyone is as careful and conscientious as you and there is a real possibility that a mistake has been made. It may not be a serious one but it could affect you in some way, so check other people's work.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
There is one particular thing that needs your full and undivided attention today. You know what it is and you know you will have to focus hard if you are going to succeed. Don't let anything distract you.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
Honesty is essential, even if it means that a long-standing friendship is put to the test. You may be tempted to avoid the truth to spare someone's feelings but in the long-term it will do more harm than good.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Someone needs to keep a clear head today and that someone has to be you. Others may get emotional but you must insist on common sense all the way down the line, for their sake as well as your own.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
There are so many changes going on that you probably can't keep track of them all. Don't worry. Most of them will work in your favour. One warning though: Don't make promises you may not be able to keep.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
Certain duties may be a pain but you know they have to be done. Even with its petty annoyances this could be a positive time for you. Show people that you can be trusted to work on your own.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Something you had a hard time getting your head around yesterday will be as clear as crystal today. No doubt you will mentally kick yourself for being so dense but don't worry about it. You're allowed an off day now and again.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
The first step in resolving a problem is to admit that it exists, so stop making excuses and face the reality of your present situation. The moment you do that is the moment the answers start coming.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Something is worrying you but you can't put your finger on what it might be. Whatever it is the planets suggest it's not worth the effort, so focus on more pleasant thoughts. Don't let worry become a habit.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
A new path is beckoning and all you have to do is put one foot in front of the other and start walking. Just do it, otherwise you'll find all sorts of reasons to stay where you are.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
If you have an important decision to make today, you must take your time and get it right. If people press you to decide right away you can bet there is more in it for them than there is for you.

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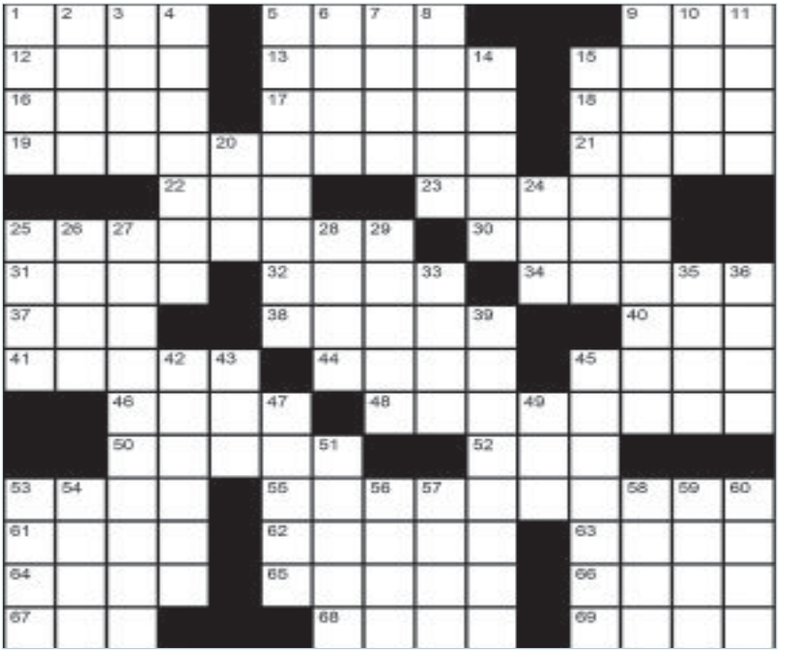
## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

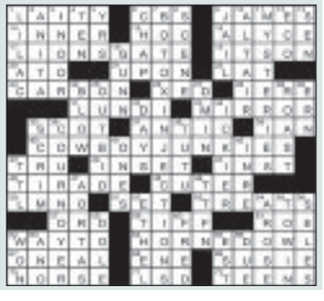
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**Across**
1. Slightly open
5. Switch
9. "Skedaddle!"
12. __ Modern (London, England art gallery)
13. French painter Edouard
15. Ben Affleck movie up for Best Picture
16. Aesir ruler
17. Solo
18. Subj. with maps
19. This year's Oscars host, Seth __
21. Actor Jared
22. Soak flax
23. Actor Mr. Hawke
25. Great Lake
30. Elegant instrument
31. Get _ __ deal
32. "Ghostbusters" (1984) character, Dr. __ Spengler
34. Bit of an '80s Bonnie Tyler hit: "I __ _ hero..."
37. Greek†alphabet's 19th letter
38. "Sexy __" by The Beatles
40. Help
41. Daytime's DeGeneres
44. "A Beautiful __" (2001)
45. "Behold!" to Brutus
46. Radar signal
48. Those up for Oscars
50. Speedy
52. Texter's "Are you serious?!"
53. Squabble
55. Item on Wolfgang Puck's Governors Ball menu for the Oscars: __ __ with Pesto and Grilled Vegetables
61. Actress Ms. Russo
62. Blatant
63. British playwright, __ Coward
64. Mrs. Lincoln's maiden name
65. Clown in the opera Pagliacci
66. Prefix that means 'Within'
67. Fire or Army
68. Cable sports channel
69. Chair

**Down**
1. Bit of matter
2. Will Smith's wife
3. Suffix with 'Problem'
4. Holt __ (Swanky retailer)
5. Colourful candies
6. Partition
7. Old World buffalo
8. Type of pasta
9. Environmental activism group
10. "_ __ Stung" by Elvis Presley
11. "Is that for here or __ __?" (Fast food query)
14. Pre red carpet appointment, __ whitening
15. Dazzling
20. Irish airline, __ Lingus
24. Harrison Ford role, __ Solo
25. Fully satisfy
26. __ Mountains (Range in Russia)
27. "Canadian Man" country singer: 2 wds.
28. Old Irish alphabet [var. sp.]
29. Sculptor of The Thinker
33. El __ (Warm ocean current)
35. Board game pieces
36. Lemony drinks
39. Alberta city
42. Joyful
43. __-and-tuck
45. Search __ (Google, and others)
47. Basketball court maneuver
49. Pixie
51. Bell Biv __ (Music group)
53. Title for a Miss, in Spanish [abbr.]
54. Hireling
56. Mil. titles
57. "What _ __ off!" (It's too expensive)
58. No-fly, for one
59. Catherine __-Jones
60. Frequently: 2 wds.

### Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 8 | | 4 | 9 | 1 | | 2 | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | 8 |
| | | 6 | | | | 7 | | |
| 8 | 2 | | 1 | | 6 | | 3 | 7 |
| | | | | 3 | | | | |
| 6 | 3 | | 9 | | 7 | | 5 | 4 |
| | | 8 | | | | 5 | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | 2 |
| | 1 | | 8 | 4 | 5 | | 6 | |

### Yesterday's Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 5 |
| 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 8 |
| 2 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| 9 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| 7 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| 3 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 7 |
| 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| 8 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 2 |

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